



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

*The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA*

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## Holiday Market Again at MOHAI Saturday, Nov. 29

The seventh annual **Holiday History Market** will be held at the Museum of History and Industry on **Saturday, Nov. 29, 10 am to 5 pm**. This now-annual event features entertainers, refreshments and over 30 "heritage" booths. These historic societies and vendors provide an opportunity for you to find heritage related items for your holiday gift giving.

**Admission to the Museum is free** that day (Thanksgiving weekend). Come and see your friends, meet local authors and crafts people and walk through the museum. The QAHS will have a table at the market. If you could volunteer a couple of hours of your time to staff our table, please call Bob Frazier at 285-0958.



*Del Loder and Ron Mason were two of the QAHS guides at this year's tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery for St. Anne's School Eighth Graders. The tour, on Oct. 21, drew about thirty students plus teachers and parents.*

Photo by Loretta Edwards.

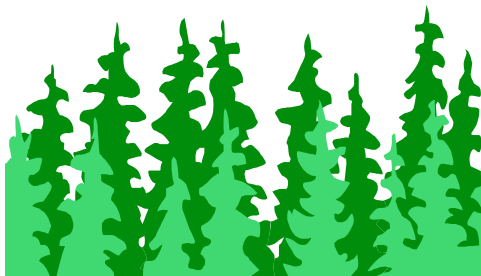
## I Shoot The News! Wed. Nov. 26, 7:30 pm

**BILL KNIGHT**, former Sports Editor of the Seattle P-I and graduate of Queen Anne High School, will tell us stories about his maternal grandfather, **Will E. Hudson**, the first newsreel cameraman in the Pacific Northwest. Hudson, who worked for Pathe News and previously was the first staff photographer for the P-I, photographed scenes around the Pacific Rim in the first half of the 20th century. His subjects included a harrowing 1913 arctic expedition, interviews with Teddy Roosevelt, the Japanese Emperor, Jack Dempsey and many others. Bill will bring copies of "I Shoot The News", the biography of Will Hudson by Bert & Margie Webber.

Join your neighbors at our  
next public meeting

**Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7:30 pm**  
**McClure Middle School Library**  
**First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact Bruce Jones at 206-691-1911.



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## MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

**NOTICE!** Our membership year ended May 31st. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires. If your label shows (2003EXP) it means your membership has ended and it is past time for you to renew.** Please use the coupon on page 3 and renew now! We value your support. **This will be the last Cobblestone for those who have not renewed.** *Our thanks to those who have already renewed.*

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369. ....*Thanks for helping make this a great organization!*

## CALENDAR OF

**Notice that QAHS Meetings are now the 4th Wed. of Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar. and May.**

### Wed. Nov. 26, 2003

*Program:* Bill Knight (retired Seattle P-I Sports Editor) talks about his grandfather, Will E. Hudson, the first Pathe news-reel cameraman in the Northwest. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### December, 2003

*Event:* Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. Our annual contest for beautiful holiday lighting on Queen Anne. Prizes for best residences both on and off the "Boulevard."

### Wed. Jan. 28, 2004

*Program:* Architectural styles in Seattle and on Queen Anne Hill, by Jeffrey Karl Ochsner. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Wed. Mar. 24, 2004

Proposed program on evaluation of members' artifacts by local antique dealers. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

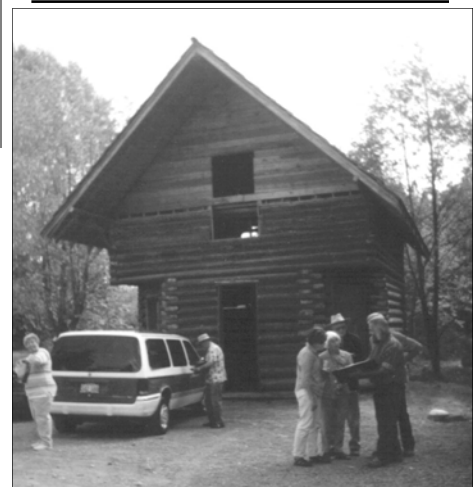


## NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE BY BOB FRAZIER

So far this year many items have been added to the QAHS archive. These include newspaper articles about matters on Queen Anne, menus from restaurants, photos of Sorry Charlie's Restaurant on its last day in business, and a brochure from the MarQueen Hotel. If you see Queen Anne information in any publication, other than the Seattle P-I or Queen Anne News, please save it for the archive.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, the trustees visited the archive to inspect our files on walking tours and to assess the condition of the archive. Bob Frazier, archivist, showed them around and explained details of documentation and storage to our new president. He also briefly described some of his plans and goals. The group discussed how we might computerize our 145 history files.

Bob has opportunities for you to volunteer to manage our photos, our tapes, or to advise on an Archives Committee. Call him at 206-285-0958 to offer your assistance.



*The David Denny log cabin. Formerly at Queen Anne & Republican, now in Federal Way on S. 348th St. Photo by Bob Frazier.*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## HERITAGE NEWS

### Old John Hay on School Levy

The proposal to provide funds for the exterior renovation of the old John Hay school building has been approved by the school board and **will appear on the Feb. 3, 2004 school levy ballot.** The funding will cover removal of the exterior siding and some of the windows and replacement with modern equivalent siding. This approach was also used at the remodel of old Latona School into the new Stanford International School and has the approval of the Seattle Landmarks Board.

The old wooden building continues to be in use as part of the Bilingual Orientation Center.

### E-Mail Addresses Available



The Queen Anne water tower is the backdrop to a collection of old fire trucks displayed at the centennial open house at Fire Station 8 on Oct. 4, 2003. Photo by John Hennes.

The Society's web site provides for the possibility of many email addresses of the form <name@qahistory.org>. Our board members currently use this to simplify their mail. For instance you can reach your newsletter editor at <john@qahistory.org> and any mail to that address is automatically forwarded to my regular home email address

<jhennes1@mindspring.com>.

The advantage is that I can use this easy-to-remember society address for giving to outside people or businesses, and if that address gets too busy or has too much spam, I can just change it without having to change my permanent address.

If you are a member of QAHS with an existing email address and would like to have a similar back-up email address for your own use (e.g. SuzyQ@qahistory.org), please contact Bruce Jones at <bruce@qahistory.org>.

### King County Snapshots-WOW!

A remarkable photographic library is now available on line at [www.kcsnapshots.org](http://www.kcsnapshots.org). This web site is your entry to an integrated digital resource of 12,000 historical images of King County and Seattle. The site is the linked collections of 12 heritage organizations, tied together in a data base that allows anyone to search all of the collections at once for a specific scene. Go to the web site and check it

*From the March 7, 1924 Queen Anne News:*

"Mrs. Alice Joyce, age 75, of 2402 Ninth Ave. West, died Feb. 28. She was the widow of Captain Hanson B. Joyce, who was widely known as one of Seattle's pioneer steam vessel masters. He died about seven years ago. Mrs. Joyce was born at Swan's Island, Maine, March 27, 1884 [sic, presumably 1848]. She, with her husband, came to the Pacific coast in 1888. Seven children survive her. Interment was at Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

## THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Last month I mentioned how I was lucky enough to have a prior owner of our house come by and knock on the door. But you don't have to wait for a prior owner--there's lots of information out there you can get, including a picture or two of your own house! You've probably seen those older photos of the front exterior of homes, maybe during an open house or two. Well, you can get a copy of the house you're in too, just by writing to the Puget Sound Branch of the Washington State Archives in Bellevue.

And that's just the beginning. Check the 1920 census (available on-line at the Queen Anne Library) to see who was living in your home then. You'll be able to see the whole family, the ages of the children, where everyone was born, and where their parents were born. Follow the family progress year by year using the annual Polk Seattle directories. They're at the downtown library. Find out when your house was built (and your neighbors) by visiting the Seattle Dept. Of Construction and Land Use— all great troves of information about your house's heritage.

And our [qahistory.org](http://qahistory.org) web site has an article on this, just waiting for you to print. Typing in "researching your house" in the search window will take you to the article.

In searching the microfilm of the *Queen Anne News* I often come across articles that mention the house where a person of interest lives. In the next column is an example.

*Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Member Category: (check one)

☐ Individual \$15 ☐ Patron \$50 - \$199

☐ Family \$20 ☐ Benefactor \$200 &

up ☐ Student/Senior \$8 ☐ Contribution only, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to become active in the Society.

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**Return with payment to:** Queen Anne Historical Society,

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that shipping costs will be added.

Prices are:

**Soft cover: \$25**

**(\$20 for members)**

**Hard cover: \$45**

**(\$40 for members)**

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hard cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing costs at \$3/book:

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**Coming up: Pathe News history at the Nov. 26th Program.**  
Note that this is the 4th Wednesday, our new regular meeting day.



Crew of Fire Station 8 with Mayor Nickels. Photo by Kim Turner.

### KIM'S MUSINGS

#### 100 Year for Fire Station 8

On a recent misty, moisty morning, October 4th, to be exact, I was fortunate to join an ever-growing crowd to celebrate the centennial of Engine #8, formerly #13, the fire station at Lee Street at Warren Avenue N. There were former firemen from the station as well as the current staff. A former teacher from Queen Anne High School, who is an active fireman buff, was also in attendance. She used to live in the Grosvenor House, and took plates of homemade cookies to the station house on 4th Avenue and Battery Street. Now living at 5th West and W. Mercer Street, she intends to follow the same practice with Engine #8.

As the crowd grew, new babies appeared from all directions. Possibly future fire department staff were present. Captain Ken Whitebear had everything readied for the celebration. Freshly grilled hot dogs with all the condiments were available, along with soft drinks. Two commemorative cakes with insets of the old station in the frosting were set side by side on a table. Several kiosks and poles were covered with historic pictures of the station and the crews and engines. Memorabilia that had gone through fires was set up on one table, to illustrate some of the types of fire damage which can occur. Photos of famous and difficult fires were

spread out on viewing tables. A pumper from about 1900, used 100 years ago, was on display. It was horsedrawn, with its boiler and pump, and it still works. A framed document signed by Governor Locke acknowledged the centennial of Engine #8, noting that the Wright Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, took place two weeks after this station opened.

The ceremonies, scheduled for noon, began about ten after, when Mayor Greg Nickels and the Deputy Fire Commander spoke (see above). The Mayor wore a fire jacket. Captain Ken Whitebear received the plaque commemorating the event. This ceremony was only 15 minutes long! Fire trucks from many other stations were brought by members of those stations. The newest engine was placed in front of the building for attendees to check over. T-shirts commemorating the event were available for sale, so I purchased one. Apparently this was one of the few moments televised that evening by Channel 4 on its evening news. Members from the Queen Anne Historical Society were visible various times during the day. Some came early and stayed late, others drifted in through the displays and ate hot dogs or cake. It was everything a centennial should be!

*Kim R. Turner, Research Chair*

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**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?  
Join the Board of Trustees! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details  
about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**